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SUBJECT: R/V ELLEN B. SCRIPPS CLEARANCE REQUEST, 3-12  
APRIL 1978

1. R/V ELLEN B. SCRIPPS, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF THE WEST COAST OF MEXICO. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO CONDUCT A SEISMIC REFLECTION PROFILING SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE TRUE EXTENT OF FAULTING AND TO ESTIMATE THE POTENTIAL FOR EARTHQUAKE OCCURRENCE IN THE REGION OFF NORTHERN BAJA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AN AIRGUN PROFILING SYSTEM WILL BE USED TO MAP THE OFFSHORE EXTENSIONS OF THE AGUA BLANCA, SANTO TOMAS, TRES HERMANOS, SAN MIGUEL AND VALLECITOS FAULT, AND MAP THE SOUTHWARD EXTENSIONS OF THE SAN CLEMENTE, ROSE CANYON, CORONADO BANKS, AND OTHER OFFSHORE FAULTS PREVIOUSLY DELINEATED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTINENTAL BORDERLAND. AN ATTEMPT  
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WILL BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE FAULTS ARE CONTINUOUS FROM BORDERLAND TO THE BAJA PENINSULA AND, TO MONITOR SOME MICROEARTHQUAKES ALONG SOME OF THESE FAULTS, USING SONOBUOYS, TO ALLOW BETTER EPICENTRAL LOCATIONS OF ACTIVE FAULTING.

2. THE CHIEF SCIENTISTS ARE DR. JAMES BRUNE OF SCRIPPS

AND MR. ALFONSO REYES OF CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION CIENTIFICA Y EDUCACION SUPERIOR ENSENADA (CICESE). BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TWO MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED AND JOINTLY ANALYZED.

3. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS ROBERT C. NEWBEGIN WITH A CREW OF 8 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 8. ELLEN B. SCRIPPS IS 115 GROSS TONS, 95 FT. LONG, AND HAS A 6 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WEMN AND SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ AND VHF CHANNEL 16 WHILE UNDERWAY.

4. A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING PLOTTED WHICH SHOWS THE AREA OF OPERATION. TRACKS WILL RANGE FROM ONE TO 60 MILES OFFSHORE. SHIP WILL DEPART SAN DIEGO ON APRIL 3 AND RETURN ON APRIL 12. NO OTHER PORT CALLS ARE PLANNED.

5. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR ELLEN B. SCRIPPS TO OPERATE IN MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING APRIL 3-12, 1978. WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED FROM GOM IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PROVIDE COPY TO MASTER BEFORE DEPARTURE. VANCE

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